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To Share Vows
On September
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Friday Night



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ONLY VOTERS IN DISTRICTS 1,3,4 & 5 TO VOTE

Elba voters return to polls Tuesday

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Elba voters will return to the polls on Tuesday, September 12, for a run-off election to determine office holders for four seats on the Elba City Council. Only the voters in Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be casting ballots.

District 1 voters will be casting ballots for either L. M. Burch or Tom G. Hooks. Burch led in the field of five candidates receiving 52 of the 186 votes cast in that race. Hooks who received 44 votes, and placed him in the run-off with Burch. In either case, the winner of this district race will bring a new face to the city council.

In the District 3 race for the council, there was a unique set of circumstances. All three candidates Harold Bannin, H. H. Junior Culver and Earl McCollough will once again be on the ballot. The newcomer, Culver, led the field of three with 78 votes while McCollough and the incumbent, Bannin, each received 52 votes tying for second place. This forced all three to run again; however, this time, the top vote getter

Local Democratic Party planning old fashion political rally in New Brockton

The Coffee County Democratic Party will be hosting an old fashioned political rally on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

Festivities will include a country/bluegrass band, activities for children such as clowns, moon-walk, rides, etc., food (hamburgers and hotdogs), and opportunities to meet statewide and local candidates.

Invited officials include Gov. Don Siegelman, State Treasurer Lucy Baxley, State Auditor Susan Parker, Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bishop, State Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley. Statewide candidates invited include Supreme Court candidates, Court of Civil Appeals candidates, Associate Justice candidates, Court of Criminal Appeals candidates, as well as all

will win the seat on the council.

The District 3 seat will either have a new face if Culver wins, an incumbent returning if Bannin wins or a past councilman returning to the seat if McCollough wins. There were 182 ballots cast in that district during the last election.

In District 4, incumbent Ben Carpenter is attempting a come-from-behind win over newcomer challenger Harold Spicer. In the last election, Spicer led the four-man field getting 73 of the 148 votes cast in the race. He only lacked three (3) votes winning the election outright. Carpenter received 35 while the other two candidates, Lamar Hall and Max Davis, received 22 and 18 votes respectively.

The District 5 race will see the incumbent Ronnie Hammond trying to retain his seat on the council against another newcomer to city politics, Bob Hahn. Hahn ran a

local candidates. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. There will be no charges for any of the activities at the rally.

Republican Women to meet & hear local candidates

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. The menu will be grilled chicken breast salad, and the cost is \$7.

Coffee County Commissioner candidates Kayo Lewis (2), Charlene Goolsby (4), James Thompson (6) and Tom Grimsley (7) will be speaking.

Also school board candidates Annette Griswold (2) and Kevin Moore (3) will be addressing the group. The public is invited.



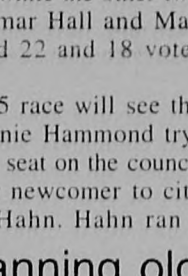
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H. Spicer



B. Carpenter



B. Hahn

close second to Hammond in the first election getting 60 votes to Hammond's 68. The third man in that race, Bufus Tillis, Jr. got 21 votes.

All voting for all four districts involved in the run-off election will once again be done at the Elba Recreation Center located on Clinton Avenue. Once again, ONLY voters living in Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be allowed to vote in Tuesday's election. The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

The only other local municipality holding a run-off election is Enterprise. There are council seats yet to be filled in that municipality also. The council and mayor races in New Brockton and Kinston were determined on the first go-round.

The New Brockton Town Council will be headed by a new Mayor, Charles Cole, and will consist of three incumbent council members: Rodger Harrison, Ricky Strickland and Ron McMonagle; and two newcomers Johnnie Herron and Joseph Stuckey.

In Kinston, Mayor William Mullins was elected to another term. He will be joined by incumbents Bobby Anderson, Patricia Hall, Viola Shaffer and Heflin Smith. Christopher Free will be a newcomer.

All newly elected, re-elected and officials who were unopposed will ALL be sworn in on October 2, in their respective municipalities.

This particular meeting will focus on the section of U. S. Highway 84 that extends from the intersection of 84 & AL Hwy. 141 in the Curtis Community to Covington County Road 30 just over the Coffee-Covington County line.

The meeting has been scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to express concerns and offer comments about the four-lane project in this particular area. Comment forms will be available which will allow attendees to

make written comments. Also, a recorder and stenographer will be present for anyone wishing to make a formal verbal comment about the project.

This four-lane project is the largest single commitment ever made by the Alabama Department of Transportation in the entire state. It consists of 42 miles of highway construction originating in Enterprise passing through New Brockton, Elba, Opp and ending in Andalusia. It contains eleven different parcels or segments of construction which will all be worked simultaneously. Normally, only one segment would be committed for completion during an administration. Governor Don Siegelman has committed that all eleven be completed or at least very close to completion during his administration. The total cost of the project is about \$185 million.

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TENT PRODUCTION... Recently, the Elba Chamber of Commerce and it's members welcomed new business owners Ed and Tammi Wesley to the industry arena of Elba. The Wesleys are the new owners of Worth Tent and Supply company. Their purchase of the business was celebrated during an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 24. Those present for the ribbon cutting were (from left to right): Dawn Austin, Tonya Jones, Jr. Miss Zion Chapel Whitney Stephens, Chris Flowers, Future Little Miss Zion Chapel Sierra Parker, Will Sasser, Aaron Pope, Little Miss Zion Chapel Paige Gibson, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Frances Bradshaw, Emily Wesley, Elizabeth Wesley, Doris Matthews, Sarah Kathryn Wesley, Little Miss Elba Molly McGuire, Tammi and Ed Wesley - owners, Rev. John Baxter, Future Little Miss Elba Katelyn Hutto, Jimmy Harrison, Jr. Miss Elba Lauren Moore, Rev. Homer Moore, Miss Elba Valiece Moore, and Herby McCall.

1st U.S. Hwy. 84 meeting set for Sept. 1

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The first of several public meetings/hearings concerning the four-laning of U. S. Hwy. 84 has been scheduled for Thursday, September 14.

The meeting/hearing is to be held in the Elba High School Auditorium located at 371 Tiger Drive in Elba between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting, at their convenience, between the above stated hours. Those attending will be afforded an opportunity to view visual displays and discuss the four-lane project with Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel. Information concerning the impact on properties adjacent to the project will also be provided.

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All of these projects except one are scheduled to go to construction in the year 2001. The one project that has had a slight delay will

probably not start until 2002. State of Alabama Department of Transportation Director Mark Roberts emphasized the importance of attending these meetings/hearings when they are announced. "At those hearings, sometimes we find out there is something we do not know about a particular area and then we'll make some minor changes," he said.

The director commented that detailed right-of-way maps for the project will also be available for viewing at the DOT's Division Office in Troy.

Information regarding the DOT Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Procedures will also be made available at this meeting. Person with disabilities or persons who may need special assistance should contact the Alabama DOT's Division Office, AL Hwy. 87 South, Troy, or call (334)670-2452 at least one week (TODAY is that deadline) in advance of the hearing.

Coffee County grand jury hands down eighty-four indictments

The Coffee County - Enterprise Division grand jury met in regular session on August 28 and 29, 2000.

The grand jury inquired into a total of 128 cases, the grand jury handed down 84 indictments, 69 of those being felonies and 15 being misdemeanors, the grand jury returned 38 no bills, two cases were

continued for further investigation, one case no action needed and three cases remanded back to municipal court.

Arraignments are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 4, 2000 for the cases handed down by the grand jury.

Kinston teenagers facing rape and sodomy charges plus drug charges

Two Coffee County teenagers have been arrested on rape and drug charges.

The Kinston Police Department, assisted by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies, took two teenage brothers into custody on Tuesday, August 29, and charged them with attempted rape and various drug charges.

William Clarence Fowler, 19, of Kinston was charged with first degree sodomy, illegal possession of a controlled substance, and second degree possession of marijuana.

Randall Fowler, 18, also of Kinston, was charged with first degree rape, second degree possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both young men were taken to the Coffee County Jail where they were held until last Thursday morning. After a hearing before District Judge Steven Blair, total bail for William Fowler was set at \$26,000

and \$22,000 for Randall Fowler. They were both released the same morning after posting bond. The arrests came as a result of two juvenile females notifying Kinston Police Chief Jerome Cobb. The females alleged they had been raped on Tuesday afternoon. The Fowler brothers were arrested without incident shortly afterwards during a routine traffic stop.

NOTICE

Anyone experiencing a water shortage due to the drought should call one of the following numbers. If the water is being used for human consumption, call the Coffee County EMA office at (334)894-5415; If the water is for livestock (cattle, poultry, etc.) consumption, call the USDA Service Center at (334)894-5581.



CITY RECEIVES CHECK ...Pictured above is Councilman Waylon Sharpless (right) presenting Elba Mayor James E. Grimes with a check for \$8,500.00. Sharpless made the presentation on behalf of the Southeast Alabama Gas District on which he serves. The money is to be used toward the city's economic development. Mayor Grimes said that a portion of the money will go toward the construction of a "spec building."

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Well last week we showed our intelligence, or lack thereof . . . again. In the city council article on the front page we called retiring dog-catcher Sam Andrews, "Sam Grimes." After having it brought to our attention Thursday morning and thinking about the mistake, the answer for those who would naturally be pointing out the mistake began to form in our slow brain. Sure enough, during the retirement ceremonies Thursday afternoon it was the opening line from the police chief. We responded that "since the city of Elba doesn't have a lot of money to do a lot of things for good employees when they retire, Mayor James Grimes graciously agreed to loan Sam his last name for the day!" Somehow not a person in the room believed the excuse, they just laughed at our feeble attempt to justify another on the long list of those dumb things in our life. Sam laughed at our mistake and he is probably the one we should have been most concerned about. In closing this issue, it is our hope that he enjoys his retirement today and for many, many years to come.

It appeared until midweek last week that Elba had not found a replacement for the animal control officer. Sam was leaving Thursday afternoon and no one had been named to replace him. Then the mayor announced that George Homyak had agreed to transfer from the recreation department and assume the responsibilities of controlling the many stray animals which seem to appear continuously out of nowhere. We expect George will handle this job like a lifetime professional animal handler!

Football season has started in America and that must mean that Fall is here. The weather is not cooperating by cooling off, but the high school and college football teams are going ahead with their schedules. The start has not been so sweet for some teams, but then someone doesn't get the highest score in any game ever played. The objective is to win the game and we want "our team" to win every time, but then it is a game and the sun will rise the next day regardless of the winner. By accepting the win or the loss with dignity, a person has a better chance of seeing that sunrise the next morning and the morning after. So, enjoy . . . savor the wins but accept the losses by admiring the skill and effort of the opposing teams.

The problems continue to mount for Firestone Tires, and probably, by association and to a lesser degree, to Ford Motor Company. The national recall of some specialty tires hurt, but was not a disaster that couldn't be handled. Now there are demands the company broaden the recall and at the same time reports are circulating of the recall of some Firestone tires in South America. There apparently is some major problems with certain tires, but knowing how we Americans act and react to things, the issue is probably already far out of proportion. The U. S. Congress got into the middle of things this week by beginning committee hearings with Ford, Firestone and government agencies . . . along with their batteries of lawyers, being collected in the hearing room to testify and answer batteries of questions. Hopefully, the average Joe out there driving on Firestone, or any brand tire, will not be forgotten in this debate.

The announcement last week that Mercedes would add 2,000 workers to their plant at Vance is a positive event for Alabama citizens. No one expects to see cars being built in Coffee County, but there could be some support business, or at least we will see workers from this area getting car building related jobs and moving to the Tuscaloosa or Birmingham area. The jobs are good, the pay is nice and even if in very small ways, there will be some trickle down to every citizen of the State of Alabama. Your benefits may only be having less state tax increases, or it may be in a million dollar contract, but each of us will feel a positive benefit from such growth.

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Amendment Would Rob State's "Saving Account"

by Senator Bill Armistead

Most people associate the name of Milton McGregor with Macon County's Victory Land Greyhound Racetrack. The people of Macon County also recognize McGregor as the county's largest private employer in the county. McGregor tried to expand his economic base in Macon County in recent weeks by building a \$15 million regional landfill near Tuskegee but had to back off.

Negative publicity about the project brought McGregor's plans to a screeching halt last week. The solid waste landfill would have brought in solid waste from as far away as New York and Boston. Even the Rev. Jesse Jackson came to town to call on McGregor to withdraw his plans. After making his announcement not to build the landfill, McGregor said, "I don't regret one second being involved in this proposal. In fact, I'm proud of it because it was solely designed to clean this county up."

If Mr. McGregor is really interested in cleaning up Macon County, he could begin by shutting down his gambling operation and bringing in some legitimate economic development that doesn't prey upon the poor. If it wasn't hard enough to take money from the poor people in Macon County by enticing them to gamble away their hard-earned money, McGregor wanted to put a garbage dump in their back yard. It's time to do something good for Macon County for a change. What about it, Mr. McGregor?

As we get closer to the November elections, voters will hear more and more about a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot that will allow Gov. Don Siegelman to divert thirty-five percent of the royalties now pledged to the Alabama Trust Fund to be used for special projects. Since the 1980s, every penny earned by the state for offshore oil and natural gas wells has flowed

our children's and grandchildren's inheritance. We should never allow the state's "savings account" to be raided, even for good projects, for someone's personal political gain. This money should be left in the trust fund where it belongs. Once you open the door for taking money out, it will be much easier for the next politician to spend the next thirty-five percent. Pretty soon the state will have an empty "savings account." For those who have been there, you know, it's a scary thing.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 28, 2000. The period were: Tammy Key, W. B. Baldwin, Mildred Eiland, Vada Lamb, Megan Parrish, Karin Snellgrove, Mary Dawson, Agnes Dixon, Terrance Lamb, Ellis Eddins, Alice Hudson, Jimmy Johnson, Clifton Matthews, Jacob Parrish, Mary Lindsey, Denisha Williams, Newton King, Vodie Money, and Kelly Johnson.

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From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

Wanted: U.S. Military Academy Applications

Each year, it is my pleasure to accept applications and recommend appointments to the four United States military academies. As we begin a new school year, eligible young men and women interested in attending one of the academies should read this carefully.

The U.S. military academies desire a geographical distribution of cadets and midshipmen. This is achieved through the congressional nomination and appointment process, which assigns a certain number of vacancies at each academy to every congressional district.

Death and Taxes In America

by U. S. Representative Bob Riley, 3rd District Alabama

Ashtland, Ala. — The Death Tax. Its name is as sad as its purpose. It is a tax on what the deceased leave their children and it's often collected at the worst possible time. Taxation isn't a burden that should weigh upon the shoulders of grieving families. That's why a coalition of conservative lawmakers in Congress sent the White House a bill

Troy State University's enrollment up according to preliminary date

Preliminary enrollment data at Troy State University show a 10 percent increase in new students for fall semester, university officials announced today.

To date, TSU has enrolled 1,257 new students, compared to 1,140 new students enrolled in fall semester 1999. Final enrollment figures will not be available until after graduate school registration is completed.

"We're pleased with the increase in new students," John Schmidt, Vice President of Student Affairs, said. "All our initial indicators show that our student recruitment efforts are working."

These indicators include: Residence hall occupancy, 9.9 percent increase over fall 1999; Participation in pre-college orientation, 9.9 percent increase over 1999;

Sorority participation, 24 percent increase over fall 1999, with fraternity participation up 28 percent.

ESJC Happenings

BUSINESS COURSE...Enterprise State Junior College offers opportunities to Wiregrass area businesses and industries to customize courses for their employees. Courses are available for one to 100 learners per course, and are offered for credit and non-credit. Courses may be taught on-site or at the College. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

HEALTHCARE SEMINAR...Diversified Nursing Services and Enterprise State Junior College will present a special seminar for healthcare workers entitled Gerontology and the Baby Boomers. America's Real Majority. Persons participating in this seminar will learn about new ways to address the multiple needs of Baby Boomers in an era where quality care, access, and cost demand health care reform. Included in this program will be an overview of medical breakthroughs and predictions, and ways to practice preventative medicine for a longer, healthier life. Participants in the healthcare field will receive 7.2 contact hours of continuing education credit in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services, which is an organization approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education. The seminar will be held on Friday, October 6, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There is a \$55.00 fee for this seminar, and the registration deadline is September 29. (A \$65.00 fee will be charged at the door on a space available basis.) For more information and a copy of the course objectives, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Postal Inspectors Fight Fraud On The Internet

(NAPS)—To catch a thief, follow the money. That basic idea has served as a guide for crime-fighters over the years.

Today many criminals are following the money by moving their operations to the Internet. As the amount of business transacted over the Internet continues to grow, so does the number of scams and schemes.

For over 200 years Postal Inspectors have safeguarded the customers of the U.S. Postal Service. Now, that familiar group of crime fighters is joining the effort to stamp out Internet fraud. Fraud on the Internet becomes mail fraud when the U.S. Mail is used in any phase of the illegal scheme.

According to the National Fraud Information Center, the top ten Internet scams involving mail fraud are online auctions, bogus services, fraudulent merchandise offers, misrepresented computer sales, business opportunities, work-at-home schemes, advance credit card scams, illegal sweepstakes or prizes and fraudulent book sales or subscriptions.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service maintains a home page containing information on the mission of the Service and tips on how to avoid getting taken by various schemes.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.usps.com/postalinspectors.

Academy rules require that I only consider legal residents of the Second Congressional District of Alabama. Those who live outside the Second District should contact their own congressman. Candidates are also eligible to apply to their two U.S. Senators for a nomination and must follow their particular guidelines for application. Those who have a parent who is active military are also eligible to apply to the President's and Vice President's office for a nomination.

When I receive a candidate's letter, I respond with application materials describing my office's guidelines, as well as information cards to be filled out and returned to each desired academy. From then until my deadline of November 30th, the young person must submit all required information, i.e. grades, letters of recommendation, test scores and a biography. Simultaneously, they must also send each academy its own required application materials.

In December, after my files are closed, I review the applications and select the candidates I will nominate. I consider grades, school activities, physical aptitude, and ACT & SAT scores in making my selection. I then submit a state of ten nominees per vacancy at each academy. It is important to note that the nomination is only the first step towards entrance to an academy. Once a candidate is nominated, his or her name is then submitted to an academy for consideration for an appointment. Only after a candidate receives an appointment from an academy does he or she become part of the entering class.

For instance, S&S Appliance in Birmingham is operating under the shadow of the death tax. Duell Speegle founded S&S about 40 years ago, but would have trouble passing the family business to his daughter, Pam Hagan. Ms. Hagan told the Birmingham News last Spring that paying the huge death taxes associated with taking over S&S would force her to cut jobs in order to keep the business afloat.

"Since I handle the bookkeeping and accounting, I know how much money we'd have to pay if my father died," Ms. Hagan told the News. "A lot of people might lose their jobs." Opponents still claim the tax cut favors the wealthy, but it's middle-class workers who are harmed every year the tax remains.

The death tax has forced Ms. Hagan to not only fear the death of her father, but to fear the loss of the business he built and the jobs he provided to the local community. That's not what America is supposed to be, and the President should know better than to veto this bill.

Regardless, the White House promises a veto "without hesitation." I wish the Administration would pause for a moment and consider the lasting effect this tax cut could have across the nation. There are very few moments when a president has the opportunity touch the lives of so many people, save so many jobs, family farms and hometown businesses. I appeal to the President to sign this bill and put an end to the death tax once and for all.

(U.S. Rep. Bob Riley, a Republican from Ashtland, represents Alabama's 3rd Congressional District. Readers can reach him at 222 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.)

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AREA DEATHS

EDD TAYLOR

Mr. Edd Taylor, age 83, of 525 Kirtledge Ave., Orlando, Fla., died Aug. 22, 2000 at his home.

Mr. Taylor was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Taylor who were lifelong residents of Elba.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 2000 from the Downtown Baptist Church in Orlando.

Survivors include his wife: Louise Taylor, Orlando, Fla.; two

sons and daughters-in-law: Jerry and Peggy Taylor, Clearwater, Fla.; Stan and Sharon Taylor, Matthews, N.C.; one brother: Elmer Taylor, Elba; seven sisters: Lucille Mayo, Daphne, Ala.; Annie Laurie Wright, Elba; Olene Farrell, Arlington, Va.; Frances Bannion, Pensacola, Fla.; Cupieann Clark, Enterprise, Jean Payne, Grass Valley, Calif., Annette Farris, Many, La.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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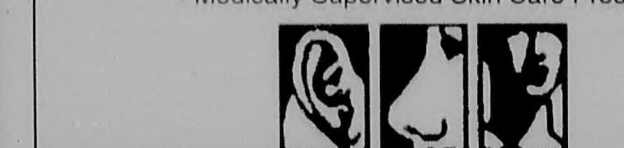
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CHURCH

Homecoming to be observed at Friendship Baptist Church

Homecoming Services will be held at Friendship Baptist Church in the Bullock Community on Sunday, Sept. 17. The guest speaker for the 11:00 service will be Bro. Randall Pearson. Lunch will be served after the morning worship services. Pastor Buford Brady and the congregation extend a welcome to each and all.

Living Word Ministry plans Youth Night Service for September 8th

Youth Night to be held at The Living Word Ministry, located at 127 North Main in Brundidge, Friday night, September 8. There will be special music, singing and preaching.

NOTICE

Anyone needing prayer should call the Church of Jesus Christ at 897-6468. Missionary Prayer is held daily (Monday-Friday) from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Pastor is Bishop H. Hill.

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Round & About With Eria 897-2006



Scripture: John 4:1-40

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Rona Love, Rev. Charles Lane, Mary Young, The Jones Family, Pearlite Tillis, Rev. E. Magwood, Bettye J. Reflegee, Carolyn Lawrence, Rosie Daniels, Henry Waters, Louise Jackson, Mary A. Blue, Sam Siler, Collis Belcher. ***Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries: Wiley and Juanita B. Brooks, Sept. 1; D.J. Belcher, Sept. 5; Doris Waters, Sept. 17. ***Pastor's Installation Service of Rev. Nathaniel Fleming - Pastor Elect - at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Elba will be Sunday, Sept. 10, at 2:30 p.m. Pastor in Charge will be Rev. J.G. Chatham, pastor of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church and Moderator of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria



Requitta R. Belcher

Requitta R. Belcher of Birmingham will be a Lionette in the University of North Alabama Prize of Dixie Band for the 2000-2001 school year. The Holy Family High School graduate is a junior at UNA majoring in criminal justice and sociology.

Belcher is the daughter of Robert and Judy Belcher and the daughter of Wallace and Mattie Belcher of Elba.

God Bless You, Requitta!

***Attends Double Wedding

Cliffie B. Gossy and Catherine Waters of Elba recently traveled via airplane to Seattle, Washington to

attend a double wedding of Mrs. Gossy's grandchildren - Deion and LaShawn Daniels, son and daughter of Daniel and Bonnie Daniels. The flight back home was a safe one.

Sisters United By Prayer will meet each Monday night in the home of Latisha Robertson at 7 p.m. Latisha lives in Powell Trailer Court, Elba. Contact # 897-8296.

***Church Anniversary Celebration of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church will be Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. The Word of God will be brought by Rev. W.J. Curry, pastor of Mr. Mosiah Baptist Church, Andalusia and Shady Grove Baptist Church, Daleville.

***September Motivation: Some people change jobs, spouses, and friends, but never think of changing themselves. — Paula Giddings, writer.

Westside Baptist Church will be conducting "The Good News Bible School" for Kindergarten through Sixth grade at Dan and Shirley Morrow's home Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The

group will leave the church at 8:50 a.m. and will return to the church at 1:15 p.m. Students are asked to wear their swim suit under a T-shirt and shorts, and bring a towel. For more information, call 897-6929.

U.M. Marriage Encounter weekend planned for Sept. 15-17

A United Methodist Marriage Encounter weekend workshop is planned for Sept. 15-17 in Gulf Breeze, Fla. The weekend allows couples to strengthen and deepen their commitment to each other and their marriage. Couples learn some new communication skills that can be used throughout their lifetime together. The weekend is for couples who are interested in making

their marriage the best possible. The weekend is open to couples of any faith.

Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Call Lin or Jerry in Mobile at (334) 661-3722 for complete information. E-mail inquiries can be sent to glwison@zebra.net in care of Lin & Jerry. More information is available at www.encounter.org.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

A Bus Driver's Prayer

Please, Lord, watch over me this day. Please help me remember to watch all five mirrors, two dozen windows, eight gauges, six warning lights, six dozen faces, three lanes of traffic and to keep a third eye open for wobbling bicycles and daydreaming pedestrians, especially teenagers wearing headsets who are in another world.

Please, Lord, help me hear all train whistles, truck and automobile horns, and police sirens.

Please, Lord, give me a hand for the gear lever, the steering wheel, the route book, and the turn-signal lever.

And, Lord, please grant me self-control to keep my hands away from Johnny's neck. And one more thing dear Lord, please don't let Mary be sick all over the bus.

And finally, Lord, please watch over us all that we can do it again next year.

Amn.

Signed by the Bus Drivers of Elba City Schools.

Wesley Devane
Doris Mallory
R.B. Flanigan
Sue Egan
L.C. Cook
Mavis Burch
Frances M. Reeves
Carmen Blum
Harold Berry

4-H wildlife field day to be held in October

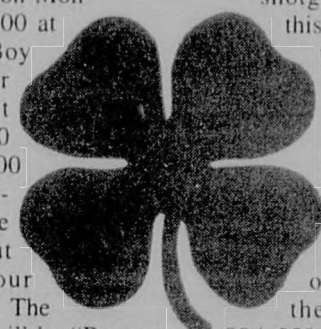
by Richard Petcher
County Extension Agent

The Coffee County Extension system along with the Alabama Department of Conservation is holding their 12th Annual 4-H Wildlife Field Day on Monday, October 9, 2000 at Camp ALAPLO (Boy Scout Camp) near New Brockton. It will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. This day 4-Hers will learn more about the great outdoors and our American Heritage. The theme for the day will be "Respect and Love for the Great Out of Doors". The main activities to expect will be hunter safety, rifle, skeet shooting, archery, Indiana Jones or Blue Birds, Super Hunter Techniques and Bass Pro Fishing. Other mini events will be given by

Dave Crockett, the alligator man; Pocahontas with her opossum and tomahawk throwing event; the fisherman with his bag pipes and sling shot; a coon hunter and his dog; and a tough tug of war contest.

If you have never shot a 22 rifle, shotgun or bow and arrow, this will be a good opportunity for you to learn.

If you already have some experience, this will be a good time to improve your skills. This activity is for our youth between the ages of 9 and 19 years of age. To register call 894-5596 before October 2nd. This will be very important. We have to know how many people to plan for and to send you a health card to be signed. The cost will be \$8.00. We will furnish a light snack and wiener roast lunch.



Alabama fruit and vegetable growers conference

The Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference this year will be held November 8-10 at Gulf Shores Alabama. This is one of the best meetings in the state to learn more about growing and marketing fruit and vegetables. Anyone interested in attending or wanting more information call the Coffee County Extension Office at 894-5596.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

- of the things we Think, Say or Do
- First - Is it the TRUTH?
- Second - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third - Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Kinston High School makes Homecoming plans for Sept. 22

Kinston High School will celebrate homecoming for the 2000-01 football season on Friday, Sept. 22. The following events are scheduled for this exciting day at Kinston:

- * The fun-filled homecoming day will begin with a parade at 2:15 p.m. The band, floats, and other entries will journey through downtown Kinston to show their Bulldog Pride.
- * The Kinston Athletic Club is sponsoring a barbecue. Plates are \$5 and may be picked up between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sept. 22.
- * Open House and an Alumni Reception will be held in Mr. Good-

en's classroom from 4-7 p.m. * The main event of the night will be the Kinston vs. Florida football game. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. The Coronation of the Homecoming Court will be held during halftime. A disco dance sponsored by the Athletic Club will follow the game until midnight. For grades 7-12, prices are \$4 per couple or \$3 stag. For grades 5-6, prices are \$3 per couple and \$2 stag.

Kinston High School extends an open invitation to all Alumni and Fans to join in celebrating the 2000-01 Homecoming events.

Coffee County Schools Menu Sept. 11 - 15, 2000

BREAKFAST
Monday - Pancakes, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Hamburger, Corn Dog, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Cookie, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Milk
Tuesday - Spaghetti, Fish Nuggets, English Peas, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk
Wednesday - Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Turkey & Noodles, Steak Sandwich, Whole Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Pepperoni Pizza, Tuna Salad, Tossed Salad, Corn, Fruit, Crackers, Milk



National Peanut Festival contestants recently gathered for a "Get Acquainted Cookout" hosted by Allen and Loretta Wells at their home. Preliminaries for this year's Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant will be held at the Dothan Civic Center on Friday, Oct. 20. Verbal Communications Preliminary will be a 2 p.m. and Evening Gown Preliminary will be at 7 p.m. Pageant finals will be held at the Dothan Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

MacArthur offering continuing education courses

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education program at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will offer the following Continuing Education courses starting Sept. 11:

PC Applications
This beginner course introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications in a business-oriented environment. Included in the course is an overview of Windows 95/98, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. Students enrolling in this course should be familiar with the keyboard and have adequate keyboarding skills. This course will be taught on Monday nights from 5:30-8:30 for 12 weeks starting Sept. 11. The cost of the course is \$100 for tuition. There will be additional costs for books and supplies. Anyone interested in registering for this course should call before Sept. 14.

Exploring the Internet
This is a seven week course that offers basic Internet Skills including working with browsers, searching and downloading information from

the Web and using e-mail. Students must have prior Windows 95 or 98 experience, be able to navigate through Windows and have adequate keyboarding skills. This course will be taught on Thursday nights from 5:30-8:30 starting Sept. 14. The cost of the course is \$50 for tuition. There will be additional costs for books and supplies. Anyone interested in registering for this course should call before Sept. 12.

Microsoft Office Professional 97
This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of creating professional presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint. Students learn how to design, edit, enhance, and customize a PowerPoint presentation, as well as how to use slide show features. Learn to create newsletters, outlines, transparencies and slides for personal or professional use. This course will be taught on Thursday nights from 5:30-8:30 for 12 weeks starting Sept. 14. Anyone interested in this course must have previous microcomputer experience. The cost of the course is \$100 for tuition. There will be additional costs for books and supplies. Anyone interested in registering for this course should call before Sept. 14.

Microsoft Word 97
This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of creating professional word processing documents using Microsoft Word. Students learn how to create letters, newsletters, brochures, tables, mail merge, etc.

Those interested in registering for any of these courses should call the registrar's office at 493-3573 by the specified date.

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Student Spotlight



by Francie English
Name: Carrie Marie Copeland
Parents: Caroline and Wayne Copeland

Age: 15 years old

Grade: 9th

Favorite color: Canary yellow
Favorite kind of music: All kinds (Alternative, Pop, Rap, R&B, Rock, etc.)

Clubs/Activities: FBLA
Interests/hobbies: Talking on the phone, chatting with friends on the Internet, hanging out with friends and her boyfriend

Personal quote: "Everything you want is not everything you need."

Karrie's favorite subject is history because she likes to know what happened in the past and how it helped create the world today. Her favorite thing about Elba High School is the people and how considerate they are of others. There is one class that EHS doesn't offer that Karrie would have enjoyed to take. That would be a French class.

After graduation she plans to go to TSU in the spring and major in computer programming. Her most memorable moment at Elba High School is when she walked into school on the first day and knew that she was a freshman.

Support Elba Tiger Football

Junior Gladiators Prepare For Season

by Chelsea Cooper
Any given weekday when the bell rings to end school at Elba High, 27 seventh, eighth and ninth graders gather their books, head to the locker room to get dressed out and then trudge on to the practice field wearing twice as many clothes as they do in the dead of winter.

Why? Maybe it is the cool fall night, the incessant shouting, the fans, the adrenaline rush, the sight of endzone straight ahead, or it could just be the attention of the cheerleaders that possesses each of these determined young men to commit themselves to the JV Football Team and give 100% each afternoon. Learning football skills at a young age is as helpful of the

gridiron as it is on it. Coach Bledsoe states, "Football teaches discipline, how to get along with others and how to give up individual goals for the good of the team."

Led by Marty Marler with the help of Karl Bledsoe, Brian Free and Lance McCollough, the JV Tigers are being primed for their upcoming season. When asked how this year's team differs from those in the past, veteran ninth grader Ralston Moore replied, "We're a lot younger. The few older players we have must show leadership because of the number of young ones. We have a lot of hard work and hustle ahead to get where we're going this year." As football season approaches,

everyone anxiously anticipates different things. "I'm looking forward to an undefeated season," remarks Trey Davis, a seventh grader. Eighth grader Carlos Aroz is looking forward to showing the opposing teams who Elba football is all about. One thing EHS Football is about is pride. When asked about the morale of this year's team, eighth grader J.J. Farmer said, "I think we have pride that is based on trust in each other." As they continue to prepare, the JV Tigers can rest in the knowledge that through their hard work and determination, they have already given the community a reason to be proud.

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ALL ABOUT ELBA...Recently, the students in Mrs. Donna Clark's and Coach Leroy Camley's classes learned all about Elba. The students had been studying the map of Elba, learning the names and locations of businesses in town, as well as studying safety rules of riding and crossing streets and riding bicycles in town. To cap off the chapter of study, the students and their teachers took a tour of Elba so the students could see firsthand what they had studied. They looked at the businesses in and around town, visited the courthouse and took a tour of Elba City Hall. While at City Hall, the students met and talked with Mayor James Grimes before ending the morning's journey with a trip to Hardee's for a mid-morning snack. Pictured above are (from left to right): Renee Mitchell, Nicky Flowers, Jessica Sowell, Curtis Rushing, Regina Warren, Joseph Platt, Ian Gippis, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jo Allman, Stacy Ellis, John Mitchell, Jennifer Smith and Jesse Thigpen.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
Annada
Beerenstrauch

TIGER BRIEFS

Yearbooks Arrive

by Amanda Beerenstrauch

The 1999-2000 Elbas have arrived! Students have anticipated seeing the memory-filled books for months, and finally they are here. Students can be found all around school flipping through the pages, laughing at pictures, and saying, "Hey, sign my book." If you have not purchased a yearbook, there are extras that will be sold. Contact Mrs. Julie Norris or any Journalism Staff member for a book. The price is \$28, but the contents are priceless.

Meeting of the Minds

by Cammie Kelley

Excitement and thought filled the room at the first meeting of the year for Senior Beta. Senior Beta is an academic organization that honors students who strive to make good grades. The first meeting was held on August 16. Mrs. Calhoun and Mrs. Tucker, sponsors of Sr. Beta, presided over the meeting. New officers had to be selected. First, Leanne Mallory was selected as president of Sr. Beta for the 2000-2001 year. After Leanne was elected, she took over the responsibility of presiding over the meeting. Valerie Moore was selected vice-president. Cammie Kelley was voted secretary, and Annada Beerenstrauch was selected treasurer. After elections were held, all members discussed upcoming plans for the year. Senior Beta got off to a great start and anticipates a wonderful year.

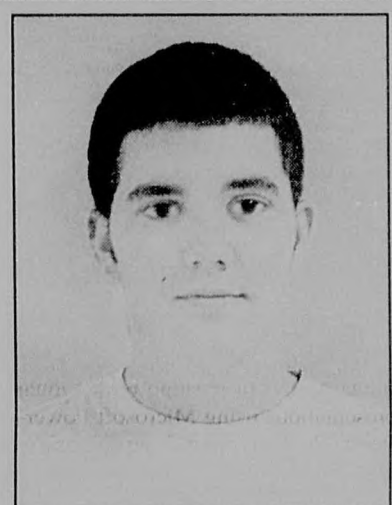
Co-Op Spotlight

by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Ross Adkinson. Ross is an 18-year-old employee of the Dollar Tree Plus. His duties include stocking shelves and assisting customers.

Ross is the son of Charlotte and Steve Adkinson and is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of VICA and is a member of Assembly of God youth group.

Ross likes to go out with friends during his free time. Ross is undecided on a major, but he plans on attending college after graduation. The person that has inspired him the most is his grandfather, the late Ed Tucker.



Ross Adkinson

EHS Seniors Nominated For Heisman

Brandon Salter and Roshanda McKinnon, both 2001 seniors at Elba High School, have been nominated for the seventh annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The national awards program, created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City, recognizes and honors high school senior men and women who demonstrate excellence in three areas: academics, community service, and athletics.

An estimated 23,000 high schools were encouraged to nominate one male and one female student-citizen-athlete for the award. Entries are evaluated by the scholastic review service, CTB/McGraw-Hill, to narrow the field to 1,020 State Award Finalists and the 102 State Award Winners, including the District of Columbia. Last year's female nominee from Elba High, Vaughan Boyd, was one of the 10 State Finalists from Alabama.

A distinguished panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients, and education, business and community leaders, then review the 102 State Award Winners and name 12 National Finalists. The National Finalists will be invited to participate in the Heisman Memorial Trophy weekend festivities at New York City's Downtown Athletic Club, Dec. 7, 2000. There, one male and one female will be selected as the National Winner and honored during ESPN's national telecast of the College Heisman Memorial Trophy on Saturday, Dec. 9.

According to Principal Mike Williams, both Brandon and Roshanda have achieved tremendous success throughout their high school careers. They serve as leaders and role models in their school



Pictured above are: Roshanda McKinnon and Brandon Salter

and community. Lynn Weeks, counselor at Elba High, says of both, "Brandon and Roshanda are very deserving of the nomination. They exemplify the student-athlete. They are both honor students and are very involved in their school and community through various clubs and organizations while at the same time participate in multiple sports."

Salter is an integral part of EHS's football, basketball and baseball program while McKinnon leads the girls' program in basketball and softball. Both have been starters on their respective teams since their freshman year.

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Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk
Wednesday - Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Field Peas, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Thursday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk

New Face At Elba High School

by Alan Head

With numerous staff changes taking place this year, several new faces have joined the teaching faculty at Elba High School. Karl Bledsoe, recently appointed to the positions of driver's education instructor, head basketball coach and junior varsity football coach, was interviewed concerning his background, newly assigned duties, and initial impressions of EHS.

Coach Bledsoe came to Elba from Greenville High School where he performed similar teaching and coaching responsibilities. He said he was excited to accept his new post because of Elba's winning tradition and the great opportunity that it brought, and its closer location to his hometown of Andalusia. Coach Bledsoe received his high school diploma from Andalusia High



Karl Bledsoe

School and earned college degrees from Alabama State and Troy State Universities. He believes the stu-

dents are the most important part of a school and that teachers are here in large part to help guide their students through the adolescent years.

When asked how he felt about the success of his basketball and football programs this year, he responded that his contact has been somewhat limited thus far, but the available players on each team have worked hard at whatever he asked them to do. With excellent athletic facilities and his commitment to move the programs forward, Coach Bledsoe's teams should be competitive in their respective areas. He says he has been warmly received by the administrators, faculty and students at EHS, and looks forward to getting even better acquainted over the next few months.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our hectic family schedule usually slows down a little in the fall, but this year the fall schedule appears to be just as hectic as the rest of the year. Melissa is a varsity cheerleader, plays high school volleyball, and will also compete in a fast-pitch softball league over in Enterprise, while Melanie will attempt to play soccer and also compete in the Enterprise fast-pitch softball league. The girls school work will come first, and their grades are much more important than winning a game in any sport. However, it sure looks like a busy fall for everyone in the Mularz household.

NEW SEASON, SAME OLD RESULTS FOR ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers had high hopes entering the 2000 football season and were expected to start the new season off with a win against the 2A Straughn Tigers. The new season looked a lot like the old one, however, as the Tigers suffered a very disappointing loss, and after only one week have Tiger fans wondering if this year's team will even win as many games as Elba did a year ago, when they managed only three wins the entire season.

I have always believed that you are never as good as you think you are, and never as bad as others say you are, and I think that belief is especially true for the 2000 Tigers. This year's team has only three starts back from a year ago on both offense and defense, and there are a total of only five seniors on the team. To write that the Tigers lack experience would be the understatement of the century! In Friday night's loss to Straughn, freshmen and sophomores made 14 tackles and 5 assists, compared to 11 tackles and 6 assists for the juniors and seniors. Over on offense, a sophomore was the team's leading runner, followed closely by a freshman, then by two juniors. In the passing game, two sophomore receivers combined to make eight of the Tigers' 10 receptions, for 150 yards and one touchdown. They folks every single player on this team wants to win, but most of the players are playing varsity football for the first time, and it takes a while to get settled in. The best thing about young players is that they get older as they gain experience, and the Elba fans will just have to be patient and support this group of youngsters as they grow up and learn the game.

The Elba offense put only seven points on the scoreboard. However, the Tigers moved the ball pretty well throughout the game, and should have scored enough to be in the game until the final horn. On Elba's first series it had the ball first down at the Straughn 13 and turned it over on downs, while on its second series the Tigers faced a fourth and two at the Straughn 30, and failed to get the yardage needed to keep the drive alive. The Tigers fumbled on their next possession to lead to a Straughn score, scored their only touchdown on the next possession, and then went into the half. In the second half, the Tigers went three and out their first two series, then had a first down at the Straughn 15 and fumbled, had a first down at the Straughn 15 and turned it over on downs, reached the Straughn 34, and were at the Straughn 14 when the game ended. Maybe now that the Tigers have a game under their belt and the coaches have a firm to watch and evaluate, the coaches can zero in on the plays that worked and help the players get in the end zone.

The Elba defense played well in spots, but gave up four big plays for touchdowns that led to the loss. Straughn rolled up over 300 yards in total offense against the Tigers, but of that total, 202 yards came on just the four long scoring plays. Straughn did have some speed in the backfield. However, Elba's inexperience and inability to tackle in the secondary was evident from the start, as was the Tigers' lack of speed all over the field. Elba has been a big play defense in recent years, but maybe the time has come to simply play conservative and use the old "humb, but don't break" technique. One thing for sure, the defense broke last week.

A championship, or even a winning season, has never been given in the very first week of the season. So too, a season has never been given up for lost after just one week. I urge all Elba fans to let this team know you support it, and realize that it will take time for the youngsters on the team to grow up and become high school football players. It won't be easy, but nothing worth having is supposed to come easy.

AREA TEAMS ENJOY MIXED RESULTS IN SEASON OPENERS

The high school football season kicked off all across the state last week, and for teams in the area, the week brought with it mixed results. Here's a look back at week #1....

*** ZION CHAPEL opened the season with a big 34-14 win over New Brockton, and in doing so wiped out the bad memories of last year's winless season. The Rebels used big plays to put five touchdowns on the scoreboard, and their defense bent, but refused to break, and came up with the big plays when it had to that allowed Zion Chapel to hold on and claim the win. One win certainly doesn't make or break a season, but it can't help but give the players up at Zion Chapel something to be proud of, and also a much needed shot of confidence.

*** BRANTLEY struggled throughout the game on offense, but had too much speed and talent for J.F. Shields as they handled the Panthers 29-6. The Bulldogs managed only 65 yards on the ground and 47 more in the air in the win, and left even the most die-hard Brantley fan wondering what had happened. Brantley does have the tools on offense to put points on the scoreboard, and last week scored 29 without having a big night on offense. It is true, however, that 100 yards in offense won't get the job done against some of the teams on the Bulldogs' schedule.

*** KINSTON was hoping to get the season started with a big win, but even though the Bulldogs are improved, they still have a long way to go, as was evident in last week's 41-8 loss to Samson. The Bulldogs played hard for all four quarters and never showed any signs of giving up. They just didn't match up well with the speedy Tigers, and it showed on both offense and defense. The late touchdown did show that the Bulldogs will fight for all 48 minutes, and that in itself is an improvement. The key for Kinston will be to improve every day in practice, and carry it over every Friday night at the games. The best gauge of a team isn't always judged by wins and losses.

*** NEW BROCKTON was known to be young, small and inexperienced. However, no one expected the Gamecocks to open the season with a 34-14 loss to cross-county rival Zion Chapel. While the score did get out of hand, the Gamecocks played better than the twenty-point loss might indicate, and battled until the final horn. The Gamecocks' offense worked well and showed promise, while the defense looked okay at times, but got caught out of position on a number of plays. The folks over at New Brockton don't want to admit it, but this season may be one in which they can't worry about wins, and instead look for improvement.

QUICK KICKS....

*** Westbrook Christian quarterback Brodie Croyle entered the season as one of the top quarterback prospects in the nation, but saw his senior year come to an abrupt end in last week's season opener when he suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Croyle had announced that he had narrowed his choices down to Alabama, Florida State and Miami, but now must start all over again and spend countless hours rehabbing his knee. He still plans to graduate in December and participate in spring training in college. Croyle is the son of former Alabama standout John Croyle, and there is no doubt he has what it takes to overcome the injury and make it to college.

*** I was surprised when Alabama was ranked #3 in the nation in the preseason polls, especially since the Tide lost the duo of Shaun Alexander and Chris Samuels to the NFL, and since the Tide's defense was pushed around in its Orange Bowl loss to Michigan. I hoped others knew more than me, but my fears were realized Saturday in Bama's 35-24 loss to UCLA. The Alabama offense only scored 10 points in the loss, while the defense missed countless tackles and got pushed around up front. Alabama may be a good team before long, and might even threaten for the SEC

title, but Saturday they looked so bad I changed channels in the fourth quarter and watched a John Wayne movie. Hey, at least the Duke won.

*** I will admit that Auburn may be improved this season, and will concede that they may even have an all-conference caliber running back. However, I don't believe for one second that the win last week over Wyoming was anything but Coach Tommy Tuberville's scheduling season. Tuberville always tried to schedule some wins when he was at Ole Miss, and once he arrived at Auburn the first thing he did was drop Florida State and try to find some palsies that needed money more than wins. I guess three or four wins against the right teams will make him a hero, but don't forget to check and see who those other wins were against. A week off from stiff competition can get players well, and sometimes will help get a win against teams that play tougher competition. I guess it works, Tuberville has made a living doing it.

*** I know that Auburn has kicked him out of house and repossessed his cars, but I still can't stand to listen to Terry Bowden. Now that Bowden has become an "expert" commentator for ABC, he is all of the sudden the smartest ex-coach around. Bowden will always find time to talk about his Dad at Florida State, and how he would handle a certain situation, but the bottom line is, if he is such a good coach, why isn't he coaching. I like to watch college football, and many of the top games are on ABC. So, as long as the mute button on my remote works, I guess I can still watch the games.

*** Area football fanatic and computer guru Ted Hall published his list of high school football teams and their strength of schedule last week in The Dothan Eagle, and I thought I would pass along some of his computer generated knowledge. Carver, of Montgomery, plays the hardest schedule in the state, and I guess when a team is as bad as Carver, every team it plays has to look good! According to Hall, Enterprise has the 7th toughest schedule in 6A, while over in 5A, Charles Henderson has the easiest schedule. Opp's schedule is rated 5th toughest among 4A teams, with Geneva's ranked as the fourth easiest, while down in 3A Elba's is rated the 27th toughest out of 62 teams. Maybe it is tougher than I thought! New Brockton comes in at 50th in 2A out of 61 teams, and the Gamecocks need just as they try to rebuild. In the 1A ranks, Sweet Water has the toughest schedule, while Zion Chapel, Kinston and Arton all have schedules rated tougher than Brantley's. Maybe it is because Brantley plays all three of those teams.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR LUMPS IN WITH WEEK #2 PICKS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator limped into the office Sunday afternoon still grilling about having to pick high school games in the opening week of the season. The local guesstimate put on 22 of 30 picks last week, and hit on such toss-ups as Zion Chapel over New Brockton, Pleasant Home over Lyman Ward, Houston County over Ashford and Jeff Davis over Dothan, but gripped until I admitted that his first week was really quite good. With a smile, he left this week's picks, and predicted better results....

ELBA VS. SAMSON

The Elba Tigers lost by 20 points last week while the Samson Tigers won by 33 points. Looks like an easy pick, but nothing is ever as easy as it looks, and the guess here is that the Elba Tigers will enter the game with something to prove. Forget the fact Samson has the advantage in experience, size, speed and confidence, and that there is absolutely no home field advantage for Elba playing in its "new" Tiger Stadium. I've got that feeling.

ELBA 18 SAMSON 15

NEW BROCKTON VS. G.W. LONG

The New Brockton Gamecocks have a major rebuilding project ahead of them this season, and must forget about the scoreboard and simply look for

Elba Tigers renew rivalry with Samson

No rest for area teams in week #2 action

The high school football season kicked off last week across the state, and for three teams in the area, hopes are high that week #2 will bring them their first wins of the young season. Following are week #2 previews:

SAMSON (1-0) AT ELBA (0-1)

It will be the "Battle of the Tigers" Friday night in Elba's Tiger Stadium when the Elba Tigers and Samson Tigers renew their old football rivalry. Elba will bring an 0-1 record into the game after an opening loss to Straughn 27-7, while Samson will come in with a 1-0 record after a big 41-8 win over Kinston.

"We thought we would play better than we did in the loss to Straughn," said Elba's Coach Julius Head, "but we knew we had some problem areas, and we got hurt in the areas. On offense we moved the ball at times both on the ground and in the air, but failed to take advantage of scoring opportunities. We have to put points on the scoreboard when we get in close, and last week we didn't do a good job putting the ball in the end zone. On defense we missed far too many tackles, and had some breakdowns in the secondary that led to touchdowns. We have a lot to work on and improve on, but we are all willing to work hard, and will work to get better all across the field."

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G.W. LONG 41 NEW BROCKTON 6

ZION CHAPEL VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Zion Chapel Rebels gave their fans plenty to cheer about last week and waived their helmets in the closing seconds in jubilation. They had better keep their helmets on this week, because the Lions from Houston County are on a feeding frenzy, and will be looking for Rebels. Zion Chapel will get some more wins as the season rolls along, but not this week....

HOUSTON COUNTY 34 ZION CHAPEL 12

KINSTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Kinston Bulldogs may still be new and improved, but the Bulldog victory wagon got knocked off the road last week by Samson, and the Bulldogs may not make it out of the shop in time to lead the way against Geneva County. If the Bulldogs can slow things down they may keep it close, but the vote here goes to....

GENEVA COUNTY 48 KINSTON 14

BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The Brantley Bulldogs struggled last week in their win over J.F. Shields, but the true strength of the Bulldogs was that they won by 23 points even when they had a bad game. The Bulldogs know what is at stake this week on Highway 331, and high school football fans in Crenshaw County should be in for real treat. Do I hear some harking....

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The New Brockton Gamecocks have a major rebuilding project ahead of them this season, and must forget about the scoreboard and simply look for

Elba Tigers renew rivalry with Samson

No rest for area teams in week #2 action

The high school football season kicked off last week across the state, and for three teams in the area, hopes are high that week #2 will bring them their first wins of the young season. Following are week #2 previews:

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their belts, the bad part is that in week #2 the youthful Gamecocks must face the G.W. Long Rebels, a team that posted a 13-1 record a year ago, and last week blasted Barbour County 64-25.

The Gamecocks did display a solid running game last week and rolled up 165 yards on the ground behind the 1-2 punch of Nathan Rainey and Jeremy Meeks, and also showed that 6-6 tight-end Nicky Anderson was a weapon when they went to the air.

G.W. Long returns 14 starters from last year's team that lost to Brantley in the semifinals of the 1A playoffs, and last week scored 32 unanswered points after struggling early against Barbour County. Geneva County defeated the Bulldogs 35-7 a year ago, and returned 11 starters from last year's team that posted an 8-4 record in '99. The Bulldogs' main weapon on both sides of the ball is senior running back Andre Goldson. 5-11, 190-pound, speedster, that last year gained 2,195 yards and scored 27 touchdowns.

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SPORTS

Fall hard to Straughn 27-7

Tigers take a tumble

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers continued their struggles on the gridiron last week as they dropped their season opener to the Straughn Tigers 27-7, in front of a big crowd at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

The loss left Elba with an 0-1 record and marked the fifth straight season in which the Tigers lost their season opener, while Straughn left town with a 1-0 slate.

Elba received the opening kickoff and gave its fans something to cheer about immediately as Daryl Burks returned the kick 20 yards to put the Tigers in business at their own 32-yardline. The Tigers quickly moved to a first down at the Straughn 13-yardline behind the running of Josh Moultry and the passing combination of Brandon Salter to Marcus Henderson. However, two running plays resulted in a loss of 15 yards as Elba was knocked back to the 38-yardline, and even though Cherelle Edwards broke loose for a

12-yard gain on fourth down, it was far from enough to keep the drive alive, and Straughn took over on downs at its own 16-yardline.

Elba began its next series at its own 37 after a short Straughn punt, and this time marched on the ground to a first down at the Straughn 37-yardline. Josh Moultry and Michael Sams combined to gain 35 yards on seven carries in the drive, but the Tigers again came away empty-handed, as on fourth down and two Moultry was stopped a yard deep in the backfield.

Straughn's offense came to life on its second series and marched 69 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard. A 26-yard scamper by Derrick Florence was a key play early in the scoring march, and it was Florence that scored the touchdown on a 21-yard dash around the right end. The extra-point try sailed wide, and with 8:14 left in the second quarter Straughn was in the lead 6-0.

Straughn got the ball right back



Elba tight-end Marcus Henderson (8) looks for room to run after pulling in a pass. Henderson, a sophomore, caught 5 passes for 126 yards and 1 touchdown in the Tigers' season opener against Straughn.



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The Kinston Bulldogs saw their dreams of winning their season opener turn into a nightmare in a 41-8 loss to Samson, and must now regroup in a hurry as they prepare to host the 2A Geneva County Panthers in a week #2 showdown.

The Bulldogs had high hopes entering the season, and despite the lopsided loss, did have some positives, as Matthew Wilkerson gained 54 yards on 8 carries and Bo Briggers added 32 yards on 13 carries.

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SPORTS

Opens season with win over J.F. Shields

Brantley pounds Panthers 29-6

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Beatrice Friday night to open the 2000 football season against the J.F. Shields Panthers and used big plays to survive a scare and claimed a 29-6 win.

Darrell Owens scored four touchdowns in four different ways to spark the Bulldogs to the victory, as he reached the endzone on a 33-yard pass reception, a 63-yard fumble recovery and return, a 63-yard punt return and a 38-yard run from scrimmage.

J.F. Shields took the opening kickoff and marched down the field behind the passing of Cory Stallworth. Stallworth completed 6 of 8 passes to drive the Panthers 72 yards in 13 plays, with the touchdown coming on a 12-yard pass to Cedric Marshall. A two-point try failed, but with 5:50 left in the opening quarter J.F. Shields was on top 6-0.

Brantley struck back quickly as the Bulldogs went 52 yards in only four plays, with the touchdown coming on a 33-yard screen pass from Andy Johnson to Darrell Owens. Greg Daniels boosted the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-6 lead with 3:58 remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley drove down deep into Panther territory on its second possession, only to see the drive stall. The Bulldogs' salvaged three points out of the trip downfield; however, as on fourth down Greg Daniels drilled a 44-yard field-goal to put the Bulldogs on top 10-6 with 10:12 remaining in the second quarter.

J.F. Shields received the ensuing kickoff and raced to the Brantley 34-yardline. However, on the next play the Bulldogs' Darrell Owens scooped up a Panther fumble and galloped 68 yards for a Brantley touchdown. A two-point try failed, leaving the Bulldogs with a 16-6 lead with 7:53 left in the half.

Brantley's Rashadd Owens intercepted a Panther pass only moments later and returned the interception to the J.F. Shields 31-yardline. Two losses and a penalty killed this threat; however, and when the half ended the Bulldogs were still on top 16-6.

Brantley took over on downs at the J.F. Shields 45-yardline late in the third quarter, and two plays later was back in the endzone, this time on a 38-yard scamper up the middle by Darrell Owens. Daniels added the extra-point to up the Brantley lead to 23-6 with 3:50 left in the third quarter.

Brantley forced a punt on the Panthers' next offensive possession, and Darrell Owens fielded the Cory Stallworth boot at the Bulldog 37-yardline, headed for the sidelines, and raced 63 yards for his fourth touchdown of the night. The two-point try failed, but with 1:43 left in the game Brantley was in command with a 29-6 advantage.

Mike Mitchell intercepted a Panther pass on the next J.F. Shields possession to end any Panther hopes, and Brantley easily held on to post the 29-6 road win.

J.F. Shields' Corey Johnson was the games leading rusher with 110 yards on 18 carries, while Brantley was led by Darrell Owens with 45 yards on 10 totes and Greg Daniels with 38 yards on 7 tries.

STATISTICS

B	JES
7	12
22-65	32-77
47	115
112	192
4-7-0	12-23-2
170	115
1	1
3-15	7-50
3-27	5-22

Mark Wicker wins 2000 Elba Country Club championship

The Elba Country Club held its annual club championship tournament on August 23-24, and closing the club championships were Mark Wicker - Club Champion, Stan Marsh - Senior Champion, and Justin Allen - Handicap Champion.

Following are results of the 36-hole event with results in all flights:

CHAMPIONSHIP A

Mark Wicker 72-71-143, Justin Allen 71-73-144, Stan Marsh 75-75-150, Dale Crowe 75-78-153, Dennis Pope 76-80-156, Ken Martin 76-WD.

CHAMPIONSHIP B

Tommy Skinner 78-72-150, Chris Maddalon 79-72-151, Colby Capps 81-71-152, Wynn Grimes 80-74-154, Bart Barnes 80-77-157, Danny Baxley 81-81-162, Gene Strickland 80-89-169.

FIRST FLIGHT A

David Haley 78-75-153, Rex Jackson 79-78-157, Marty Marler 77-84-161, Kenneth Grantham 77-85-162, Paul Wallace 82-80-162.

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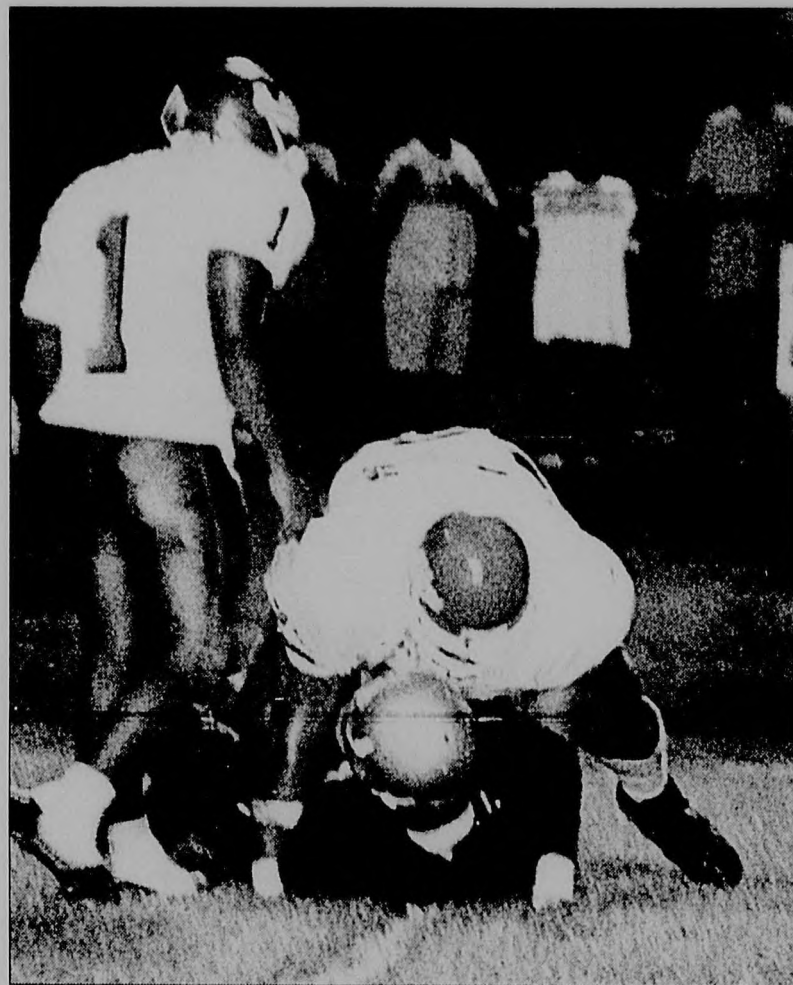
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Brantley's Tyrell Knighten (25) sacks the J.F. Shields quarterback Marcus Taylor (15) during the game. Brantley will be on the road again Friday night when they travel up the road to Highland Home to battle the Flying Squadron.



A Brantley Bulldog introduces himself to a J.F. Shields running back last week in the Bulldogs' big 29-6 win.

Hunter education class set for County Farm Center

The Alabama Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will sponsor an "Hunter Education Class" on September 11, 12 and 14 from 6:00 until 9:30 PM at the Coffee County Farm Center, in New Brockton.

PREP WEEK #1 RESULTS

Following are scores from games played in the area, and other scores of interest, from last week:

Straight 27 Elba 7
Alabama Christian 28 Arion 0
Andalusia 36 Monroe County 14
Clarke County 20 St. Paul's 14
Coffeeville 28 Gulf Shores 6
Courtland 19 Hazlewood 6
Cottonwood 20 Rehobeth 15
Dale County 71 Slocomb 27
Flomaton 38 J.U. Blacksher 0
Headland 27 Wicksburg 0

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SPORTS

Zion Chapel Rebels march past New Brockton 34-14



NEW BROCKTON MARCHING GAMECOCK PRIDE band members perform during halftime festivities in last week's cross-county clash between Zion Chapel and New Brockton.

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WEEK #2

Geneva County will come in at 0-1 after an opening 33-26 loss to 4A power Geneva, and will be looking to get well against Kinston. While a win may be too much to expect, even a moral victory could help Kinston gain some confidence early on.

BRANTLEY (1-0) AT HIGHLAND HOME (1-0)

Two of the top small school football programs in the state will be on display Friday night when the Brantley Bulldogs and Highland Home Flying Squadron tangle in Highland Home in the "Battle of Highway 331."

Brantley has posted a 27-3 record over the past two years, and included among those wins were a pair of wins over their 2A neighbors. The Bulldogs will be confident this week after an opening road win over J.F. Shields 29-6. However, the Bulldogs managed only 112 yards in total offense in the win, including only 65 yards on the ground. The Bulldog offense will have to wake up this week to stay within striking distance of the Flying Squadron, which opened with a lopsided 40-8 win over 3A rival Luverne.

Highland Home is convinced that this is their season to make a trip to Birmingham, and is also convinced that this will be the year in which they gun down the Bulldogs from down the road. This looks like a headliner for week #2!

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Drought May Affect Dove Hunting

"You got any doves on your place?" That's the question being asked at coffee shops, ball games and farmers co-ops as the 2000-2001 opening day of dove season approaches.

But according to Rick Claybrook, a wildlife biologist with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the recent droughts will likely affect dove hunting this season. "Many game fields that have historically attracted birds in past seasons have experienced total crop failures, and many others are way below normal yield," said Claybrook.

Claybrook says that based on the dove breeding population survey, overall dove population is about the same as it was last year. Hunters who seek out grain fields that received enough moisture to produce an adequate food supply to attract doves will be the most successful this year. Claybrook says that eighty percent of the doves harvested during the first part of the season will be local birds that were hatched the previous spring. The larger, heavily feathered birds that we see later in the year are the migratory flocks that come down from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and other mid-western states.

Banding studies confirm that the majority of our northern doves that migrate to Alabama come from the above states, with a few coming from as far as Pennsylvania and New York. Both local and migratory flocks will be seeking out fields of brown top millet, corn, sunflower, wheat, and peanuts. Recently bush-hogged weed patches that contain a high seed count can also be very productive.

Doves experience a high mortality rate of 50-75 percent each year. Hunters account for only 25-30 percent of the annual mortality where hunting is legal. It is interesting to note that states that do not allow dove hunting experience about the same total mortality each year. Trichomonas and avian pox account for most of the losses from diseases.

Although doves have a high annual mortality rate, they are prolific breeders. They usually nest 2 or 3 times a year with some pairs nesting up to six times a year. Doves build a flat nest near the end of a limb and usually lay two eggs. The somewhat poorly constructed nest and its location at the end of a limb make the nest vulnerable to wind damage. Southern dove hunts often take on the air of a large family reunion. Old friends are reunited and new friends made. A barbecue sometimes precedes the actual hunt. Discussions about new guns, camouflage clothing, old dogs and the latest gossip dominate conversations.

Opening day will soon be upon us with the first half of the North Zone opening Sept. 16 through Oct. 29 and the second half beginning Dec. 23 through Jan. 7. The bag limit in the North Zone is 15 birds. The first half of the South Zone split season opens Oct. 7 through Nov. 25 and the second half opens Dec. 23 through Jan. 11. South Zone limit is 12 birds.

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REBELS TALK IT OVER... Zion Chapel head football coach Randy Grant talks with his team during a break in the action in last week's 34-14 season opening win over New Brockton. Players pictured include Marcus Taylor (15) and Josh McWaters (21). Zion Chapel will travel to Columbia Friday night to meet the Houston County Lions, while New Brockton will be at home to challenge the G.W. Long Rebels.

down play and knocked Taylor back on the sneak attempt. However, Taylor kept his composure, moved to his right, found a hole in the Gamecock defense and raced in for the sudden score. Josh McWaters turned a bad snap on the extra-point try into a two-point pass to Josh McHaffey, and with 2:56 left in the half the Rebels were back on top 21-14.

The Rebels got the ball back at their own 25-yardline with 1:14 left on the clock following a New Brockton punt, and this time needed only one play to get back into the endzone!

Marcus Taylor took the snap on a quarterback snap, broke through the line of scrimmage and found nobody at home in the Gamecock secondary, and simply took off for a 75-yard touchdown scamper. Taylor added the extra-point, and with :59 still left in a wild second quarter Zion Chapel had stretched its lead to 28-14.

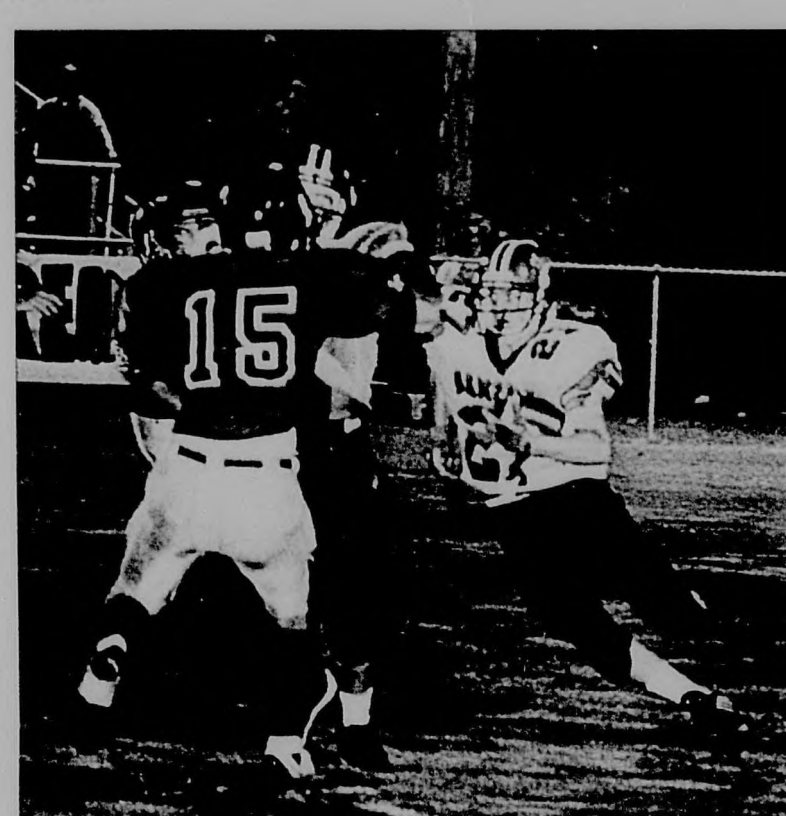
New Brockton put the ball in play at the Zion Chapel 35-yardline after a 41-yard kickoff return by Jeremy Meeks, and moved to a first down at the Zion Chapel 16-yardline after the Gamecocks' Nicky Anderson out jumped a Rebel defender for an 18-yard completion. There were only three ticks left on the clock, however, and Zion Chapel escaped the late New Brockton scoring threat when on the final play of the half Jeremy Meeks was stopped on a jarring tackle by Josh McWaters after a two-yard gain after hauling in a swing pass from Joe Sawyer.

New Brockton was forced to punt after moving the chains only once on its first possession of the second half, but got the ball right back and put the ball in play from the Zion Chapel 16-yardline after a 48-yard interception return by Jeremy Meeks.

A quarterback sack on third down by Zion Chapel's Billy Wayne Nelson left the Gamecocks facing a fourth down and 15 back at the 21-yardline, and the scoring threat went by the boards when on the crucial fourth down play quarterback Joe Sawyer found no receivers open and was stopped far short of the first down marker.

Zion Chapel took over on downs at the 17-yardline, and six plays later was right back in the endzone!

A 13-yard scramble by Marcus Taylor and a 6-yard pass completion from Taylor to Josh McWaters helped the Rebels get the scoring drive started, while the touchdown came when Taylor kept the ball on



New Brockton running back Jeremy Meeks (27) follows the block of a teammate en route to a big gain in last week's season opener. Meeks gained 50 yards on 18 carries, rushed for 1 touchdown, and returned a kickoff 92 yards for another touchdown.

STATISTICS

ZC	NB
14	12
366	165
135	32
501	197
8-13-1	3-3-0
2/0	6/2
2-30	3-36
5	5

a 60-yard draw and weaved his way 60 yards into the endzone. The extra-point try failed, but with 9:49 remaining in the fourth quarter, the celebration was already underway on the Zion Chapel side of the field as the Rebels were on top 34-14.

Zion Chapel's Josh Carnley recovered a New Brockton fumble at the Rebels' 19-yardline to stop a Gamecock threat with 6:57 remaining in the game, then pounced on another Brockton bobble at the Zion Chapel 17-yardline with :29 left, as the Rebels turned back a late scoring threat and held on to post the impressive 34-14 win.

Marcus Taylor was a one-man wrecking crew for Zion Chapel as he gained 238 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on just 10 carries, while connecting on 8 of 13 passes for 125 yards and 1 touchdown. Josh McHaffey added 47 yards on 14 carries and scored 1 touchdown, while Josh McWaters caught 5 passes for 109 yards and 1 touchdown.

Nathan Rainey gained 92 yards on 15 carries to lead New Brockton, while Jeremy Meeks added 50 yards on 18 carries and scored one touchdown, and returned a kickoff 92 yards for another touchdown.



Zion Chapel cheerleader Kayla Bundrick pulled double duty Friday night as she performed at halftime with the Marching Rebel Band.

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FIELD GOAL BOOT... Brantley's Greg Daniels (48) booted a 44-yard field-goal Friday night in the Bulldogs' 29-6 win over the Panthers. Doing the placement chores for the Bulldogs is Rob Barry Roberts (8).

Kinston Bulldogs caged in opener by Samson 41-8

By Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

The Kinston Bulldogs say their hopes of pulling off an early season upset dashed Friday night as the Samson Tigers plunked out to a quick 14-0 lead and rolled to an easy 41-8 win over the Bulldogs in Kinston.

Samson moved ahead 6-0 with 7:16 left in the opening stanza on a 15-yard touchdown run by Timmy Bess, then stretched its lead to 14-0 with 9:59 remaining in the quarter on a 10-yard scoring dash by Bess, and a two-point run by Lucas Davis.

The Tigers' added to their lead with two second quarter touchdowns and went in at the half with a 28-0 advantage. The second quarter scores came on an 18-yard run by Timothy Bess with 9:48 left in the quarter, and a 1-yard run by Adrian Knowles with just :38 remaining in the half.

A 17-yard touchdown run by Lucas Davis upped the Tigers' lead to 34-0 with 3:43 left in the third quarter, while Terrell Davis scored on a 12-yard run with 9:48 left in the game, and the extra-point was true, as

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